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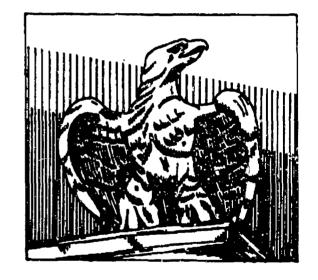
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The Biodiversity and Threatened and Endangered Species Experts (BioTES) version 1.0 helps installation and government personnel locate points of contact for experts in the areas of biodiversity and threatened and endangered species. BioTES presents names, contact information, areas of expertise, and interests of these experts.

BioTES 1.0 requires as a minimum, a 386 IBM-compatible 25-MHZ personal computer with a minimum of 2 MB of Random Access Memory (RAM), VGA capabilities, and 10 MB of hard drive space.

The system must have DOS 3.0 or never, and Windows 5.1. For the best performance, a 486SX 33 MHZ (or higher) with 8 MB RAM and SuperVGA capabilities are recommended.

This manual contains instructions on installing and using BioTES to search for experts, and on updating and adding information.





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1 Introduction

Background

More than 400 threatened, endangered, and sensitive (TES) species are known or suspected to reside on Army lands. The Army is faced with the challenge of managing the land and answering many questions regarding TES species. Often, Army land managers may not have the information they need to make land-based decisions. A great deal of time is spent tracking down answers to these questions, often requiring numerous phone calls and hours of library searching. The U.S. Army Construction Engineering Research Laboratories (USACERL), in developing capabilities to enhance the military's ability to meet requirements of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), developed the BioTES program and the supporting database (Appendix A) as a component of the TES Species Automated Information Management System (TESSAIMS) (Sebesta, 1995). The BioTES program is intended to help fulfill the military's needs by providing a reference tool and networking instrument for managers with questions on biodiversity and TES species. BioTES can help get managers get answers more quickly by narrowing the information search and directing them to the right experts.

Biodiversity and Threatened and Endangered Species Experts (BioTES) is a standalone program that consists of: (1) a database listing experts within the areas of Biodiversity and TES species, and (2) a Graphic User Interface (GUI) that permits users to connect with the database. The program is a valuable reference tool, a networking instrument, and a foundation for interagency council for those with TES species-related questions. It is not intended to be the definitive source for all subject matter experts. Instead, it serves as a first look at subject matter experts and provides a searching framework to expand upon. Although BioTES was designed for military users, it has applicability to other governmental agencies and many non-governmental organizations.

Objective

The objective of this effort is to provide a reference tool and networking instrument for land managers with questions on managing sensitive areas and species. This effort includes the following steps: assemble a list of experts from a cross section of professionals, develop a prototype application to provide easy access to the information, and generate a standard report to convey the information.

Approach

The main program, TESSAIMS (Sebesta 1995), of which BioTES is a component was developed in four distinct stages that overlapped in time. These four stages included development of the database and information needs, and development of three individual applications: BioTES, Species-Specific Biological Information (SSBI) (Sebesta and Hill, December 1996), and Installation-Specific Tracking Information (TRACKER) (Sebesta and Hill, DRAFT). Database development continued to change and improve throughout the entire TESSAIMS development process. BioTES is the first developed application. It was chosen as the first application due to the completeness and static nature of the information, as well as the ease of defining the capabilities and functionality.

The approach for BioTES development included three steps: (1) finding and compiling experts in the subject area, (2) assembling the experts database, and (3) developing an access tool for the database. The initial step was to use reference materials to find and compile a list of experts in the areas of Biodiversity and TES species. People on this list were sent a survey requesting more detailed information on their expertise and asking for permission to include them in the directory. Of approximately 1580 people who received the survey, 863 responded. Each expert filled in three areas of expertise. The second step was to create the database using the major keywords and topics from the survey. Once the database was partially populated, programming the front-end GUI began. The BioTES program and user's manual are the products of this effort.

Once the development stages were completed, internal and field testing validated both the information and the application. Internal testing comprised five stages: (1) choosing a group of knowledgeable experts in natural resources and application development, (2) distributing the application, (3) obtaining overall feedback, (4) analyzing feedback comments, and (5) modifying both the database and application as necessary. Internal testing on BioTES is completed. The release of the BioTES program, version 1.0 and this User's Manual are the end products of this effort.

Scope

The scope of BioTES is limited to the available information, database, and application. The information currently includes individuals or organizations from Federal and state government agencies, academia, and profit/nonprofit organizations. Information is current as of September 1993. In some instances, the listed experts may have changed positions or locations. In other cases, organizational points of contact may have changed.

BioTES accesses DBase files that have been converted from SQLBase files in the TES Species database. Users are not allowed to perform updates automatically in the database. Updates to this information will need to be done regularly and distributed to the interested organizations from a central location, such as an environmental support center. Further information on the update process is available in the section on Adding or Updating Information in Chapter 4. Additional information on the database is in Chapter 5. The application is developed to search on specific topic areas and associated keywords words from the original survey mechanism, as well as, to search on specific individuals or organizations. These two mechanisms are the only ways to obtain information from the database via the application.

Mode of Technology Transfer

The BioTES program will be sent to Major Commands and Army-level environmental managers. It is ready to be transitioned to the installations and a support organization. Support may be needed to help installation personnel install and use the program and to provide users with periodic updates of the database or newer versions of the program.

2 Using the Manual

Manual Specifics

The BioTES User's Manual is written with the assumption that you have a basic understanding of Microsoft Windows 3.1 and MS-DOS 3.0 or newer. If you need additional information on using Windows or MS-DOS, refer to the appropriate user's manual.

The next three chapters in this manual provide information on installing and using BioTES and a description of the system and its data requirements. Chapter 3 provides instructions for installing the program and preparing system changes that may be required. Specific instructions on various program options and ways to obtain the desired information from the database can be found in Chapter 4. Chapter 5 contains an explanation of the basic workings of TES Species database, BioTES-related database tables, the data elements, and the data collection process.

The manual can be used as a reference to help you find specific assistance with the various topics. Some instructions are repeated in different sections; others are cross-referenced to direct you to other sections with more detail on the topic. Throughout the manual, items are highlighted in a uniform manner.

Syntax is as follows:

Bold> Text in bold and surrounded by carats refers to menu selections, button controls, key strokes, or some action within the program.

Bold Text in bold and starting with a capital letter refers to dialog boxes or windows.

Bold Text in bold italics refers to output formats from the program.

BOLD Text in bold and all capitals refers to file names, directories, or database elements, including table names and field or column names.

Terminology

In this manual, there are a few terms used repeatedly that refer to the same concept. The terms include:

Synonyms	Definition
Prototype, Application, Program, Front-End	Prototyped Application (Beta Version)
Exit, Close, Cancel	Leave dialog box, window, or program without any further actions
Data, Information	Specific information from the database

3 Installing BioTES

System Requirements

BioTES runs on an IBM-compatible personal computer (PC) under Windows 3.1. The minimum configuration is an IBM compatible 386 at 25 MHZ speed with at least 2 MB RAM. The minimum hard drive requirement for the program and its components is 10 MB. For ideal running capabilities, use a 486SX at 33 MHZ with 8 MB RAM, or better. The minimum monitor capabilities are VGA; use SuperVGA, or better, for best results.

Installation Process

Before installing the program, be sure to make a backup copy of the distribution disks as an added precaution in case of accidental data loss. Consider installing the backup disks, as opposed to the distribution disks. Once the backup is done, place the first disk into the correct floppy drive. Start Windows and select <Run> under <File> from the Windows Program Manager menu. Type in the appropriate drive and INSTALIT as in Figure 1.

Once the installation process begins, the program will ask you to enter the location from which you want to install the program and the drive you want to install it to. It is preferable to use the C: Drive (the default drive), if possible. The install program will install all the front-end program files and the database files on the

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Figure 1. Using the Program Manager's <Run> to install BioTES.

drive you chose. Four installation directories will be used and created, if necessary: \BIOTES, \DBASE2, \WINDOWS, and \WINDOWS\SYSTEM. The BioTES directory contains the necessary application files. The DBASE2 directory contains all of the databases. The WINDOWS and WINDOWS\SYSTEM directories contain the necessary libraries and links for the database and the program to run under Windows. If a duplicate file is found, a dialog box pops up asking you to confirm replacing the file. This completes the installation program.

If you do not or cannot use the C: Drive you will need to modify several files once the install program is done. In the path statement of the AUTOEXEC.BAT or BOOTPATH.BAT file add the directory you have chosen for the program, e.g., D:\BIOTES and D:\DBASE2, and verify that Windows is in the path. You will also need to modify ODBC.INI file (Table 1), located in the WINDOWS directory. The line, DataDirectory=c:\dbase2, should be changed to the working directory for DBase, (i.e., DataDirectory=d:\dbase2).

Table 1. Example of ODBC.INI file.

[ODBC Data Sources]
QEDBF=dBase Files (*.dbf)

[QEDBF]
Driver=C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM\simba.dll
FileType=dBase4
DataDirectory=c:\dbase2
SingleUser=True

4 Using BioTES

This chapter describes the use and manipulation of the BioTES program. It logically follows choices from the program's main menu and then proceeds with the order of the dialog boxes. Each of the main menu selections (Figure 2), <File>, <Edit>, <Searching Criteria>, <Identification>, and <User Update>, has a corresponding dialog box that requests information or a decision from you. Dialog boxes (Table 2) will be explained as the order requires. There are the two starting points to accessing information in BioTES, <Criteria> under the <Searching Criteria> menu and <By Idcode> or <By Last Name> under the <Identification> menu. <Criteria> brings up the Multiple Criteria dialog box. <By Idcode> and <By Last Name> menu selections pull up the By Idcode/Last Name dialog box. The <User Update> menu selections of <New Person/Organization>, <Update Person/ Organization>, and <Data Definitions> contain instructions for adding or updating information.

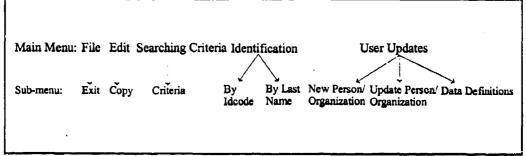


Figure 2. Menu setup for BioTES.

Table 2. Options available in each dialog box.

Dialog Box	Multiple Criteria	Quick Information	By Idcode or By Last Name	Full Information, Mailing Information, or Phone/Fax Information
Options (Buttons or Actions)	Quick Information Clear Close	Full Information Mailing Information Phone/Fax Information Back Close	Full information Close	Back Close

File Menu - Exiting the Program

Exit> closes and ends the program. The <Exit> option is located under the <File> menu option (Figure 3). Execute this option by clicking once on <File>, in the main menu, and then on <Exit>.

Edit Menu - Copying Information

The copy feature allows you to copy text from the BioTES program to a word processing program for future access. The <Copy> option is located under the <Edit> menu (Figure 4). You can copy all or part of the information from the Full Information, Mailing Information, and Phone/Fax Information screens by using the <Copy> command. Highlight the desired text by dragging the mouse across it and then click on the <Copy> button. Next access the desired word processor application and paste the information according to its instructions.

Searching Criteria - The Search Process

The <Criteria> option is located under the <Searching Criteria> menu (Figure 5). This option opens the Multiple Criteria dialog box (Figure 6) and starts the search process. To execute this option, select <Criteria> by clicking once on it with the mouse.

The Multiple Criteria dialog box (Figure 6) has seven main topic areas or selections that define the parameters for the search. These main topic areas are Organisms (e.g., amphibian, arachnid, bird), Employer, Geographic Region, Expertise, Work Experience, Discipline, and Management.

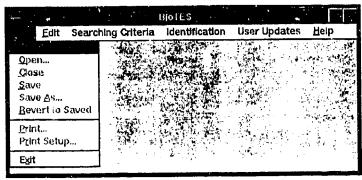


Figure 3. Menu for <Exit> command.

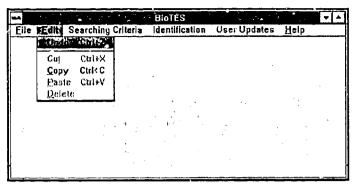


Figure 4. Menu for <Copy> command.

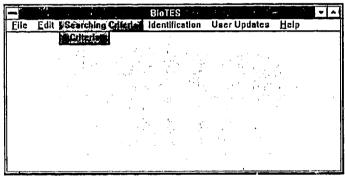


Figure 5. Menu for < Criteria > command.

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Organisms Amphiblan Arachnid Bird Clam Crustacean Fish Insect		s of Engineers (Military) s of Engineers (Cl∨il Works	:)			• •
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Figure 6. <Multiple Criteria> selection dialog box.

Any number of keyword selections can be chosen within each topic area and within multiple topic areas. However, five distinct keyword selections generally narrows the scope for an expedient search. Using more keywords in each search will produce a smaller, more manageable set of experts. Multiple noncontiguous selections within one topic area are done by holding the **<Ctrl>** key down while making the choices. Multiple contiguous selection within one topic area are made by holding the <Shift> key down while clicking on the starting choice of the list and then clicking on the last choice. If you make a mistake during the selection process, use the <Clear> button in the lower right corner of the dialog box to clear all of the selections made up to that point. To clear a single selection, hold the <CTRL> key down while clicking once on the undesired selection with the mouse. Once the selection is correct, proceed by pressing the <Quick Information> button located in the lower right corner. This button retrieves the names of all of the people that meet the selected criteria and provides a total count (Figure 7). The <Close> button, located at the lower right corner of the dialog box, will close the dialog box and not retain any of the values selected up to that point.

Retrieving the Information Quickly

The Quick Expert Information dialog box (Figure 7) gives you a quick glance at the results of the search. It contains a total count as well as a list of personal identification codes (IDCODE) and names of the qualified individuals/organizations.

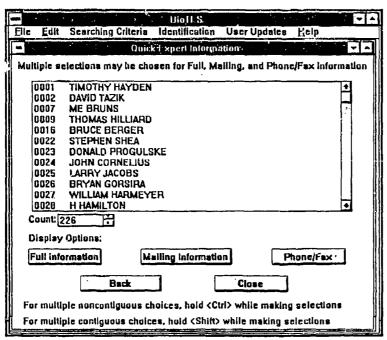


Figure 7. <Quick Expert Information> window layout.

IDCODE is explained in the Database Elements and Definitions section of Chapter 5. If you would like to continue and narrow the search, press the <Back>button, located at the bottom of the screen to return to the Multiple Criteria screen. Selections made in the last search will be retained so that additional selections will be appended to the existing selection. Refer back to the Searching Criteria - The Search Process section to revise the search selections. Generally, one more choice will narrow the range of the search as well as the number of experts. Proceed by pressing the <Quick Information> button again.

You can output the information in one of three output formats. This is discussed in more detail in the following section, titled Output Formats. The output buttons are located in the lower portion of the dialog box. You can select one or many names to output from the list box. To select multiple noncontiguous names, depress the <Ctrl> key while clicking on the desired names. For multiple contiguous selections, depress the <Shift> key while clicking on the first name and then on the last name in the desired list. The <Close> button, located on the lower right side of the window, will close the window and not retain any of the information up to that point.

Output Formats

The available output formats are Full Information, Mailing Information, and Phone/Fax Information. Full Information outputs all information available from the database on individuals/organizations. It includes mailing address, phone number, fax number, the areas of expertise, and a ranking of their areas of expertise. This option provides the most information about the expert. Mailing Information outputs the full mailing address for the selected names. It is useful for creating a mailing list to be stored in a word processor for later use. Phone/Fax Information provides the phone number and fax number, as well as the name, organization, and state of residence of the expert. This option is helpful for creating a personal phone list.

Full Information

The Full Information (Table 3) output format contains all available data from the database. This includes an IDCODE, name, position, organization, address, phone, fax, education, and three areas of expertise. Each of the primary areas consists of topic areas, with the associated keywords, including: Individual Level, State, Geographic Region, Community Type, Expertise, Management Experience, Work Experience, and Discipline. The specific data elements are explained in the Database Elements and Definitions section of Chapter 5. To go back to the previous

Table 3. Example of Full Information Output.

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JONES, TOM R.

WILDLIFE ECOLOGIST

US ARMY CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING RESEARCH LABORATORIES (ENR)

PO BOX 9005

CHAMPAIGN, IL 61826-9005

Phone: 217/XXX-XXXX xXXX Fax: 217/XXX-XXXX

Final Degree: PhD from U OF WI

Primary Area 1:

Individual Level: (BIR)PASSERIFORMES

State: New Mexico

Geographic Region: Southwest Community Type: PINYON-JUNIPER

Expertise: Species, Habitat, Landscape, Terrestrial

Management Experience: Management/Preservation, Recovery, Invader/Pest Work Experience: Field, Project Management, Applied Research, Basic Research,

Inventory/Monitoring

Discipline: Conservation Biologist, Ecologist, Ornithologist

Primary Area 2:

Individual Level: (BIR)PASSERIFORMES

State: Missouri

Geographic Region: Midwest

Community Type: DECIDUOUS HARDWOOD FORESTS Expertise: Species, Habitat, Landscape, Terrestrial

Management Experience: Management/Preservation, Fragmentation Work Experience: Field, Project Management, Basic Research Discipline: Community Ecologist, Ecologist, Wildlife Biologist

Primary Area 3:

Individual Level: (BIR)PASSERIFORMES

State: Georgia

Geographic Region: Southeast Community Type: LONG LEAF PINE Expertise: Species, Habitat, Terrestrial

Management Experience: Management/Preservation, Recovery, Mitigation

Work Experience: Field, Applied Research, Basic Research Discipline: Behavioral Ecologist, Ornithologist, Wildlife Biologist

screen to choose another output format or other experts from the Quick Information window, press the **Back**> button located at the bottom of the screen. This information can also be copied into a word processor, using the copy procedure. Refer to **Copy**> under the **Edit**> section of this chapter. The **Close**> button, located in the lower right corner of the window, will take you out of this window, not retaining any of the information currently chosen.

Malling Information

The Mailing Information (Table 4) output format contains the IDCODE, name, and mailing address. Specific data elements are explained in the Database Elements and Definitions section of the Chapter 5. To choose other output formats or individuals/organizations from the Quick Information window, press the <Back> button located at the bottom of the screen. To copy the information to a word processor, refer to <Copy> under the <Edit> section of this chapter. The <Close> button located in the lower right corner of the window will take you out of this window, not retaining any of the information currently chosen.

Phone/Fax Information

The Phone/Fax Information (Table 5) output format provides the IDCODE, state, name, position, organization, and phone and fax numbers. The specific data elements are explained in the Database Elements and Definitions section of Chapter 5. To view other output formats or individuals/organizations from the Quick Information window, press the <Back> button located at the bottom of the screen.

Table 4. Example of Mailing Information Output.

00XX MR BOB R SMITH NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, CORNELL UNIVERISTY ITHICA, NY 14853

000X DR DAVE STONE DNR, DIVISION OF NATURE PRESERVES 402 W WASHINGTON, ROOM XXX INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

Table 5. Example of Phone/Fax Information.

00XX State:NY
MR BOB R SMITH
NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, CORNELL UNIVERISTY
Phone: XXX/XXX-XXXX

Phone: XXX/XXX-XXXX
Fax: XXX/XXXX-XXXX

000X State: IN DR DAVE STONE DNR, DIVISION OF NATURE PRESERVES Phone: XXXXXXXXXXX

Phone: XXX/XXX-XXXX
Fax: XXX/XXX-XXXX

To copy the information to a word processor, refer to **Copy** under the **Edit** section of this chapter. The **Close** button, located in the lower right corner of the window, will take you out of this window, not retaining any of the information currently chosen.

Other Methods of Accessing Information

By Idcode

Once the various IDCODEs are determined, it is easy to access the full information directly. IDCODE is defined in the Data section of Chapter 5. The <By Idcode>button, under <Identification> (Figure 8) in the main menu, calls up the entire list of IDCODEs from the database. If you know the IDCODE, start by typing it in the drop-down box (Figure 9) and click on the down arrow located at the right hand side of the drop-down box. This will bring you to the nearest IDCODE. Remember that IDCODE is a four-digit number starting with zeros; these zeros must be entered to match with entries in the database. Press the <Full Information> button located on the right side of the dialog box to proceed to the Full Information output format. The <Close> button, on the right hand side, will exit you from the dialog box, not retaining any of the information that may have been selected.

By Last Name

Similar to **By Idcode**, a search can be performed on a last name. The **By Last Name** (Figure 8) option is under **Identification** in the main menu. Using **By Last Name** allows you to enter the last name into the field of the drop-down box (Figure 10). By pressing the down arrow on the right side of the drop-down box, the

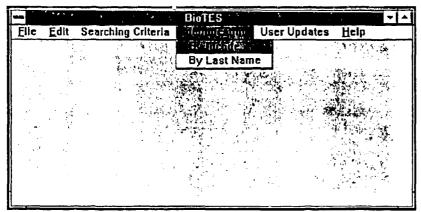


Figure 8. Menu for Identification < by Idcode> or < by Last Name>.

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Figure 9. <By Idcode> dialog box.

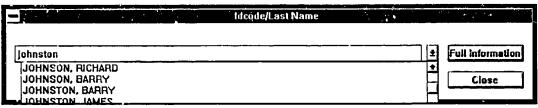


Figure 10. <By Last Name> dlalog box.

first, or nearest, occurrence of that name is brought up. The database is case sensitive when the search is performed, so you need to select the desired name from the drop-down list to provide an exact match in upper case. Press the **Full Information** button located on the right side of the dialog box to proceed to **Full Information** output format. The **Close>** button will exit you from the dialog box, not retaining any of the selected information.

Adding or Updating Information

New Parson/Organization

You can find instructions in the <New Person/Organization> (Figure 11) option under <User Updates> in the main menu for adding a new person or organization

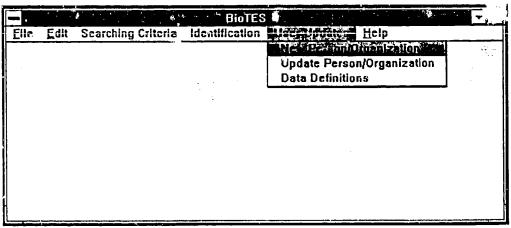


Figure 11. Menu for <User Update> selections.

to the database. New information will need to be submitted to a support organization managing this application and database. The New Person/Organization (Figure 12) dialog box can be dismissed using the <Close> button located at the lower right corner of the dialog box.

Update Person/Organization

To view an explanation of updating information, choose **<Update Person/Organization>** (Figure 11) under **<User Updates>** in the main menu. This selection brings up the **Update Person/Organization** (Figure 13) dialog box. You can then select **<By Last Name>** (Figure 8) under **<Identification>** in the main menu, to view the **Full Information** output format. You can select the appropriate name from the drop-down box and press the **<Full Information>** button for the current information. If there are changes to be made, copy all the information into a text editor and make the corrections. Save the file as an ASCII text document and mail to the address given in **<Update Person/Organization>**. The **Update Person/Organization** (Figure 13) dialog box can be dismissed using the **<Close>** button located at the lower right corner of the dialog box.

Data Elements and Data Definitions

A series of topic areas and associated keywords were used in the initial classification of the data. These keywords can be found under **Data Definitions** (Figure 11) under **User Update** in the main menu. This is strictly for your information. This information may be useful when updating an expert description. The keywords were included when the initial data request (Appendix B) was mailed out, and used

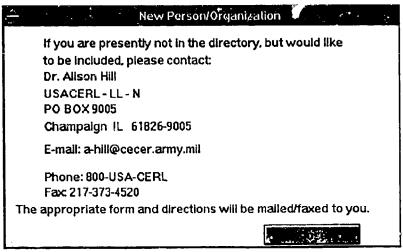


Figure 12. <New Person/Organization> dialog box.

to narrow the scope of the search. The **Data Definitions** (Figure 14) dialog box can be dismissed by clicking on the **<Close>** button in the lower right corner of the dialog box.

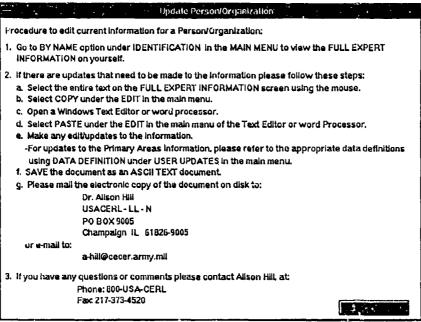


Figure 13. < Update Person/Organization> dialog box.

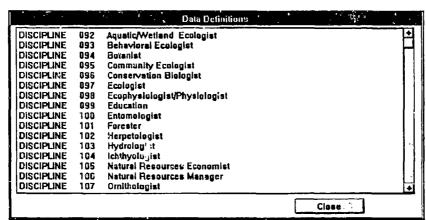


Figure 14. <Data Definitions> dialog box.

5 Data and Database

L'ata Source

The BioTES portion of the TES Species database provides a centralized listing of individual and organizational expertise with specialties in sensitive resources and biological diversity. It is the result of a nationwide search for researchers, land managers, consultants, and administrators from the state and Federal government, academia, conservation organizations, and private enterprise. Project staff conducted a search on biodiversity, threatened species, and endangered species literature after 1988, to collect the initial reference names and affiliations. They also consulted printed directories (i.e., U.S. Heritage Programs, The Nature Conservancy Directory, and the 1993 Conservation Directory of the National Wildlife Federation), specialized publications, and conference listings to gather other potential reference names. Staff sent out a data request form (Appendix B), to 1560 reference names in June 1993. This mailing yielded 863 responses, or a 54 percent response rate, in a 3-month time period. Information on respondents that returned the data request form was entered into a database, with the under randing that the information was voluntary and would be distributed for public 1725.

Data Entry and Validation

During the data entry process a series of validation steps were performed. The first step involved entering the date the survey was received by the staff and the initials of the staff member into the database, and quickly reading through of the survey, checking for completeness or any major errors. Next, the information was entered; the initials of the individual staff member and date were also entered. Lastly, the information was validated by a different staff member, recording initials and date. If there was a disagreement on individual surveys, internal discussions took place in an attempt to resolve the issue. In the case of no resolution, the individual or organization that responded to the survey was contacted. The most prevalent data entry problem was deciphering poor handwriting. Other problems included typing errors and lack of initial data entry standards. To date, the information has been validated and is considered accurate as of September 1993.

Data and Database Limitations

Some cases of data limitations affected the database and the application. Information collected from the survey had some limitations and required some manipulations. Most limitations could be worked around in the initial development stages of the data entry and database. For example, the name of individuals was divided into four distinct fields in the database tables. These four fields included title (e.g., Mr, Mrs, Captain), first name, middle name, and last name. This separation allowed for last name searches and easy access to the information. Other limitations for the application, due to the data, could not be dealt with. One comment, received from internal testing process, was that the application could not search on distinct genus or species as a part of expertise. The information gathered from the survey did not make this option available. Respondents to the survey in many cases did not provide this information.

Database Structure

The BioTES program tables (Figure 15) are a small portion of the entire TES Species database (Appendix A). The overall database consists of three distinct sets of information with established links. Each set of information supports one of the TESSAIMS applications. Most of the table names start with a unique letter. For

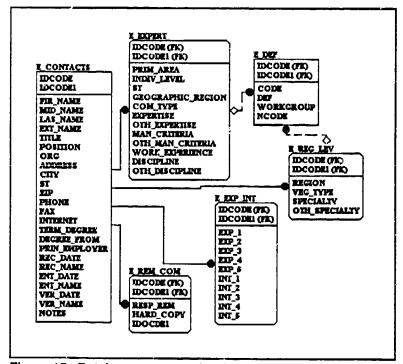


Figure 15. Database structure for BioTES tables.

example, E_ labels tables support BioTES, S_ labels are species-specific information tables (Sebesta and Hill, December 1996), and T_ labels are installation-specific information tables (Sebesta and Hill, DRAFT). Individual tables and fields are defined in further detail in the Database Tables and Column Names section of this chapter. The TES Species database is a relational database, meaning that it is composed of a series of data tables linked or related by primary keys. Primary keys are required data elements used to uniquely identify each row in the tables. In this case, IDCODE and IDCODE1 are unique reference codes for each expert. Examples of these IDCODEs are in the Database Tables and Column Names of this chapter.

Five tables present the bulk of the information available in the various output formats, explained in Using BioTES, Chapter 2. E_CONTACTS is the entry point for all new information. If the reference code for a person does not exists in this table, it cannot exist in the remainder of the tables. E_EXPERT, E_REG_LEV, E_EXP_INT, and E_REM_COM contains specific information on each expert. E_EXPERT contains areas of expertise in several categories, using predefined choices. E_REG_LEVEL contains specified regional, community, and vegetation type specialties and expertise. E_EXP_INT contains the five top areas of expertise and interest. E_REM_COMM contains remarks, comments, and any information from the individual experts. The format of this information is explained in the Database Tables and Column Names section in this chapter. E_DEF is a definition table for the codes used in the other tables for this portion of the database.

Database Tables and Column Names

The following is a list of tables (in bold and capital letters) and the list of elements (in capital letters) within each. These tables and elements correspond to Figure 15. The information on the right side is the definitions for these tables or elements. IDCODE1, a four digit numeric code, is the primary key for all of the listed tables. This code is assigned using the employer as the general designator. Those with a code 0001-0999 are DoD employees; 1000-1999 are Federal employees, 2000-2999 are state employees, 3000-3999 are non-profit and professional organization employees, 4000-4999 are university or college employees, and 5000-5999 are affiliated with independent for-profit organizations. IDCODE1 uses zeros as place holders, when necessary to fill out the four digits, for easier access and searches on the individuals or organizations.

E_REM_COMM

Remarks, comments, and any information from the individuals

IDCODE Code for the individuals

RESP_REM Any remarks or comments by the individual HARD_COPY Any paper copies of information sent in by in-

dividual (i.e., Resume)

IDCODE1 Four digit code for individuals

E_REG_LEVEL Regional, community and vegetation type specialties

and expertise

IDCODE Code for the individuals

REGION Region of the US in one word

VEG_TYPE Vegetation type or Community type specialty in

one word

SPECIALTY Choice of 11 specialties (i.e., Terrestrial, Aquatic,

Species,...)

OTH_SPECIALTY Secondary specialty choice IDCODE1 Four digit code for individuals

E_EXPERT Area of expertise in several categories, using prede-

fined choices

IDCODE Code for the individuals

PRIM_AREA Primary Area of expertise (1, 2, or 3)

INDIV_LEVEL Individual level of expertise (species, family,

category....)

ST Primary state of expertise

GEOGRAPHIC_REGION Primary geographic region of expertise, world-

wide

COM_TYPE Community type expertise
EXPERTISE Generic areas of expertise
OTH_EXPERTISE Other areas of expertise

MAN_CRITERIA Areas of expertise in management

OTH_MAN_CRITERIA Other areas of expertise in management WORK_EXPERIENCE Areas of expertise in work experience

DISCIPLINE Areas of discipline and training

OTH_DISCIPLINE Other areas of discipline and training

IDCODE1 Four digit code for individuals

E_CONTACT Contact information for the individual

IDCODE Code for the individuals

FIR_NAME First name

MID_NAME Middle name or initial

LAS_NAME Last name

EXT_NAME Extended name

Title TITLE POSITION Position

ORG Organization associated with

Mailing work address ADDRESS

CITY City ST State ZIP Zip code Work phone PHONE FAX Work fax

Internet address for electronic mail INTERNET

TERM_DEGREE Last degree DEGREE_FROM Degree earned at PRIN_EMPLOYER Principle employer

REC_DATE Date information received

REC_NAME Name of person receiving information

ENT_DATE Date information entered IDCODE1 Four digit code for individuals

ENT_NAME Name of person entering information

Date information verified VER_DATE

VER_NAME Name of person verifying information NOTES Notes for database administration

E_EXP_INT List of top 5 areas of expertise and interest

IDCODE1 Four digit code for individuals

IDCODE Code for the individuals

EXP_1 Expertise 1 EXP_2 Expertise 2 EXP_3 Expertise 3 EXP_4 Expertise 4 EXP_5 Expertise 5 INT_1 Interest 1 INT_2 Interest 2 INT_3 Interest 3 INT_4 Interest 4 INT_5

E_DEF Definitions for codes used in data entry for expertise

Interest 5

CODE Code for elements NCODE 3 digit integer for code DEF Definitions for code

WORKGROUP

Table or heading the code is valid for

Keyword and Data Definitions

The following is a list of codes in the database and their definitions. The use of these codes makes the database easier to manage and manipulate. The definitions in the right hand column are what you see if you access the information directly. Direct access, without using the program is not recommended. These codes are used in several information columns, i.e., GEOGRAPHIC_REGION, COM_TYPE. EXPERTISE, etc., within the database. Multiple codes, separated by a comma, may be used in each column to adequately describe individual expertise.

EMPLOYER			
	MENT OF DEFENSE	C0	STATE AND TRIBAL GOVERN-
MENT	MENT OF DEFENCE	-	
	MY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (MILITARY)	C 1	STATE HERITAGE PROGRAM
	MY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (CIVIL WORKS)	C2	DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
711 U.U. 7111		-	RESOURCES
A3 U.S. ARI	MV		AND/OR CONSERVATION
A4 U.S NA		C3	OTHER
A5 U.S. AIR	· -	•	
A6 U.S. MA		D 0	NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
	AL GUARD BUREAU	D1	THE NATURE CONSERVANCY
AS OTHER		D1	OTHER
B0 FEDERA	L GOVERNMENT	EO	UNIVERSITIES/COLLEGES
B1 US FISH	AND WILDLIFE		
E2 US FOR	est service	FO	FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
B3 NATION	AL PARK SERVICE		
B4 ENVIRO	NMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY	G0	OTHER
B5 BUREA	J OF LAND MANAGEMENT		
B6 OTHER			
STATES		CEOG	RAPHIC REGION
AL (1)	ALABAMA	(54)	MIDWEST
AK (2)	ALASKA	(55)	NORTH EAST
AZ (3)	ARIZONA	(56)	NORTHWEST
AR (4)	arkansas	(57)	PACIFIC NORTHWEST
CA (5)	CALIFORNIA	(58)	SOUTHEAST
CO (6)	COLORADO	(59)	SOUTHWEST
CT (7)	CONNECTICUT	(119)	CANADA
DE (8)	DELAWARE	(120)	WEST - CA, NV
FL (9)	FLORIDA	(121)	UNITED STATES
GA (10)	GEORGIA	(122)	TROPICS
HI (11)	HAWAII	(123)	PACIFIC - GU, HI (I.E., ISLANDS
			IN PACIFIC)
ID (12)	IDAHO	(124)	ROCKY MOUNTAINS
IL (13)	ILLINOIS	(126)	CENTRAL AMERICA
IN (14)	INDIANA	(127)	CENTRAL EUROPE
			(E.G., GERMANY)
IA (15)	IOWA	(138)	AUSTRALIA
KS (16)	KANSAS	(139)	NORTH AMERICA
KY (17)	KENTUCKY	(140)	WORLDWIDE
LA (18)	LOUISIANA	(141)	AFRICA
ME (19)	MAINE		
MD (20)	MARYLAND		NAME OF THE OWNER O
MA (21)	MASSACHUSETTS	EXPE	
MI (22)	MICHIGAN	(60)	SPECIES
MN (23)	MINNESOTA	(61)	HABITAT
MS (24)	MISSISSIPPI	(62)	ECOSYSTEM
MO (25)	MISSOURI	(83)	LANDSCAPE
MT (26)	MONTANA	(64)	AQUATIC
NE (27)	NEBRASKA	(65)	COASTAL

NV	(28)	NEVADA	(66)	RIPARIAN
NH	(29)	NEW HAMPSHIRE	(67)	TERRESTRIAL
NJ	(30)	NEW JERSEY	(68)	COMMUNITY
NM	(31)	NEW MEXICO	(69)	OTHER
NY	(32)	NEW YORK		
NC	(33)	NORTH CAROLINA	MANA	GEMENT
ND	(34)	NORTH DAKOTA	(70)	MANAGEMENT/PRESERVATION
OH	(35)	OHIO	(71)	REHABILITATION
OK	(36)	OKLAHOMA	(72)	RESTORATION
OR	(37)	OREGON	(73)	RECOVERY
PA	(38)	PENNSYLVANIA	(74)	MITIGATION
RI	(39)	RHODE ISLAND	(75)	FRAGMENTATION
SC	(40)	SOUTH CAROLINA	(76)	CORRIDOR
SD	(41)	SOUTH DAKOTA	(77)	INVADER/PEST
TN	(42)	TENNESSEE	(78)	OTHER
TX	(43)	TEXAS		
UT	(44)	UTAH	WORK	EXPERIENCE
VT	(45)	VERMONT	(79)	LABORATORY
VA	(46)	VIRGINIA	(80)	FIELD
WA	(47)	WASHINGTON	(81)	PROJECT MANAGEMENT
wv	(48)	WEST VIRGINIA	(82)	PROGRAM MANAGEMENT
WI	(49)	WISCONSIN	(83)	TEACHING/EDUCATION
WY	(50)	WYOMING	(84)	APPLIED RESEARCH
PR	(51)	PUERTO RICO & VIRGIN ISLANDS	(85)	BASIC RESEARCH
	(52)	WASHINGTON D.C.	(86)	THEORETICAL RESEARCH
GU	(53)	GUAM	(87)	MODELING
	(119)	CANADA	(88)	INVENTORY/MONITORING
	(121)	ALL STATES	(89)	LCTA/ITAM
	(125)	PANAMA	(90)	POLICY
	(126)	CENTRAL AMERICA	(91)	LEGAL
	(127)	CENTRAL EUROPE		
	(138)	AUSTRALIA		
	(141)	AFRICA		
DIS	CIPLINE		ABBRI	EVIATIONS
(92)	AQUATIC/	WETLAND ECOLOGIST	AFB	AIR FORCE BASE
(93)	BEHAVIOR	RAL ECOLOGIST	AFR	AIR FORCE RANGE
	BOTANIST		ATTN	ATTENTION
(95)	COMMUNI	ity ecologist	AVE	AVENUE
(96)	CONSERV	ation biologist	BLVD	BOULEVARD
(97)	(97) ECOLOGIST			COLLEGE
		(OLOGIST/PHYSIOLOGIST	CDR	COMMANDER
(99)	(99) EDUCATION			COURT
(100	(100) ENTOMOLOGIST			STREET
(101	(101) FORESTER			DRIVE
(102	(102) HERPETOLOGIST			EAST
(103) HYDROLO	OGIST	GIS	GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
) ICHTHYO			SYSTEMS
(105) NATURAL	RESOURCES ECONOMIST	HQ	HEADQUARTERS
(106) NATURAL	RESOURCES MANAGER	INC	INCORPORATED

4400	ADSTRUCTAT	00100
(107)	ORNITHOL	a igist

AREA(108) PEST MANAGER/WEED SCIENTIST

(109) RANGE MANAGER/SCIENTIST

(110) REMOTE SENSING/GIS

(111) REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGIST

(112) RESTORATION ECOLOGIST

(113) SOIL SCIENTIST

(114) STATISTICAL ECOLOGIST

(115) TAXONOMIST

(11") WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST

(117) ZOOLOGIST

(118) OTHER

(128) FISHERIES BIOLOGIST

(129) PARASITOLOGIST

(130) BIOGEOGRAPHER

(131) MAMMALOGIST

(132) ARACHNOLOGIST

(153) ATTORNEY/LAWYER

(134) ARCHAEOLOGIST

(135) GENETICIST

(136) MALACOLOGIST

(137) PATHOLOGIST

(142) POPULATION GENETISIST

(143) GEOMORPHOLOGIST

(144) GEOGRAPHER

(145) GAP ANALYSIS

(146) FIRE ECOLOGIST

(147) ECOLOGICAL ECONOMIST

(148) ECOLOGICAL MODELER

(149) POPULATION ECOLOGIST

(150) POLICY

(151) PLANNER

ORGANISMS

(AMP) (ARA) AMPHIBIAN

(ATTEN)

ARACHNID

(BIR)

BIRD

(CLA) (CRU) CLAM

(FIS)

CRUSTACEAN FISH

(INS)

1 1011

(MAM)

INSECT MAMMAL

(PLA)

PLANT

(REP)

REPTILE

(SNA)

SNAIL

ITAM INTEGRATED

TRAINING

Company of the second

MANAGEMENT

LCTA LAND CONDITION TREND

ANALYSIS

LN: LANE

N NORTH

NE NORTHEAST

NW NORTHWEST

PO POST OFFICE PL PLACE

RD ROAD

S SOUTH

SE SOUTHEAST

T&E THREATENEDANDENDANGERED

SW SOUTHWEST

W WEST

U UNIVERSITY

US UNITED STATES

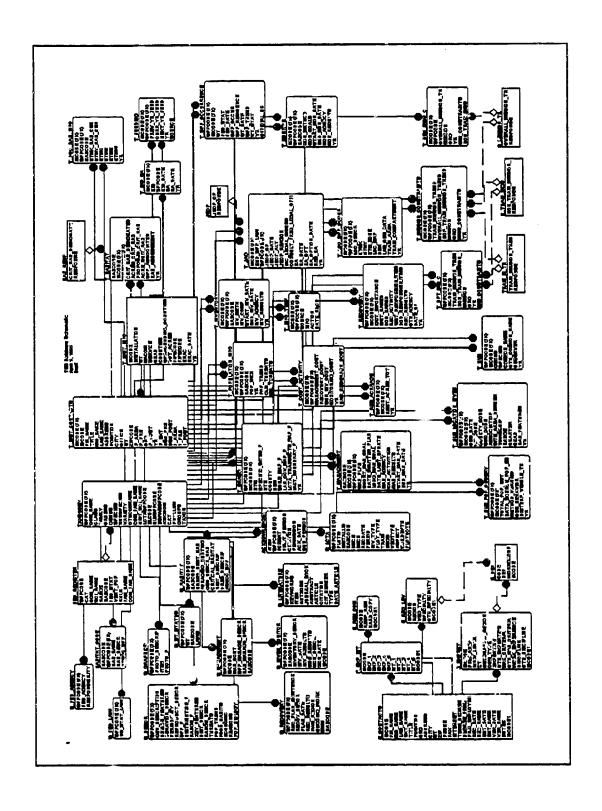
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Appendix A: TES Automated Information Management System Database Schematic

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Appendix B: Biodiversity and Threatened and Endangered Species Experts Data Request Form

iD#:	[Input d	ate:
Name:		
Title:		
Position:		
Institution/Organization:		
Address:		
Phone: () - Fax: () -	Internet Address:	
Terminal Degree:	from:	
What best describes your principal employer? Please checome of the sub-categories if applicable: A. Department of Defense 1. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Military) 2. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Civil Works) 3. U.S. Army 4. U.S. Navy 5. U.S. Air Force 6. U.S. Marine Corps 7. National Guard Bureau 8. Other (ories and
3. Other (_)
1. Nature Conservancy		
2. Other (E. Universities/Colleges		_ '
F. For-Profit Organizations G. Other ()	
In the broadest sense, please summarize and prioritize or less:	your expertise and interests in 5	keywords
EXPERTISE	INTERE	
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3	3	_
5	5	_
What best describes your regional and level of expertis 1. REGION (please circle): NE / SE / NW / SW / PNT 2. ECOLOGICAL ZONE / VEGETATION TYPE / COMMUNITY TO	e? W	-
3. TYPE OF SPECIALTY (circle as many as applicable Species / Community / Habitat / Landscape Aquatic / Riparian / Coastal / Terrestrial	/ Ecosyatem	

To properly exhibit your multifarious expertise please fill out this table by marking or filling out the

	AREA OF EXPERTISE					
Expertise	EXAMPLE		Primary Area 1	Primary Area 2	Primary Area	
INDIVIDUAL LEVEL: plea	se <u>list</u> either speci	es, gen	us, family, etc.	(scientific name	please).	
Plants						
Mammals						
Clams						
Snails		7				
Fish						
Birds	Picoides bore-					
Reptiles		7				
Arachnids						
Insects						
Crustacean						
Amphibians						
GEOGRAPHIC EXPERTISE: u	se one state, geogra	phic re	gion, community t	ype per cell only		
State	λL	- I	**************************************			
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Community type	Longleaf Pine	7				
Please <u>check</u> your EXPER	TISE level.		<u> </u>	 		
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Ecosystem		7				
Landscape		7	-		1	
Aquatic						
Coastal						
Riparian						
Terrestrial	x	7				
Other					İ	
Please <u>check</u> the approp	riate MANAGEMENT CR	TERIA.				
Management/Preservation						
Rehabilitation		٦				
Restoration		7				
Recovery		7				
Mitigation		7				
Fragmentation		7	 			
Corridor	1	7	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1	 	
Invader/Pest	1	7				
Other		· - j		† · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	 	

	AREA OF EXPERTISE						
Expertise	EXAMPLE		Primary Area 1	Primary Area 2	Primary Area 3		
Please Check the appropriate WORK EXPERIENCE boxes.							
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Field exp.	x	ĺ					
Project manage. exp.	x						
Program manage. exp.		l					
Teaching exp.		İ	-				
Applied research exp.	x	1					
Basic research exp.		ļ Į					
Theoretic. research exp.		ľ					
Modeling							
Inventory/monitoring		ĺ					
LCTA/ITAM							
Policy							
Legal							
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Aquatic/wetland ecologist							
Behavioral ecologist							
Botanist							
Community ecologist		l					
Conservation biologist		ĺ					
Ecophysiologist/Physiol.							
Ecologist	X	ĺ					
Education							
Entomologist							
Forester							
Herpetologist							
Hydrologist							
Ichthyologist			 				
Nat. resources economist							
Nat. rescurces manage.							
Ornithologist	x	İ					
Pest manager/weed sci.							
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